



McEACHERN, Joseph A. “Joe” [D]—(Dist. No. 77, *Richland Co.*)—Real Estate Broker; residing in Columbia; *b.* Apr. 10 in Dillon; *s.* the late Lawrence and the late Gilbertine McEachern; attended Furman Univ. and Columbia Intl. Univ., majoring in Political Science and Christian Educ. respectively; June 21 *m.* Penny Smith, 2 children, Joseph II and Aaron; former Richland Co.

Sheriff Dep.; former mem.: Bd. of Dirs., Central Midlands Council of Govts., S.C. Central Carolina Econ. Alliance; Regional Transportation Authority; S.C. Assn. of Counties Legis. Com.; Student Adv. Com. of Cyril Busbee, State Dept. of Educ. and Gov. John C. West, 1972–73; Richland Co. Council, 1997–08, Chm., 2002, 2007–08; Living the Legacy Award, Zion Chapel Baptist Church; Living the Legacy Award, the Natl. Council of Negro Women; founding mem., Blythewood Chamber of Commerce; Pres. & CEO, Blythewood Facilities Corp.; Southeastern Women in Politics Adv. Com.; mem.: Agric., Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Com., 2009–12; Invitations Com.; apptd. to Workforce Review Com.; Dept. of Employment & Workforce Oversight Com.; Labor, Commerce & Industry Com., 2014–; Dir., Christian Educ., Ridgewood Baptist Church; Major, Civil Air Patrol; prev. serv. in House 2009–13.



McLEOD, Mia S. [D]—(Dist. No. 79, *Richland Co.*)—Communications Consultant; Pres., McLeod Butler Communications, LLC; residing in Northeast Columbia; *b.* Aug. 19 in Bennettsville; *d.* the late James S. and Shirley J. McLeod; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990, Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1995; Off. of S.C. Atty. Gen., Dir., Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Proj-

ect, 1997–99; Adjunct Instructor, Mgmt. 250—Professional Comm., Univ. of S.C.—Darla Moore School of Bus., 1998–99; Dir., State Office of Victim Assistance, 1999–01; Dir. of Governmental Affairs, S.C. Dept. of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services, 2001–02; Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2007–10; mem., Rice Creek School Improvement Council

(SIC), Richland School Dist. Two, 2003–07, Chm., 2003–04; Co-Chm., Richland School Dist. Two Bond Referendum Campaign of 2008; Ridge View High School SIC, 2009–; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor., Inc.; Liberty Fellow; S.C. Diversity Leader; New Deal Leader; Early Learning Fellow; mem., First Northeast Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2011–13.

McLEOD, Walton J. [D]—(Dist. No. 40, *Newberry Co.*)—Businessman/Atty.; residing at 308 Pomaria St., Little Mountain; b. June 30, 1937 in Walterboro; s. the late Walton J., Jr. and the late Rhoda Lane (Brown) McLeod; *g.* Yale Univ., B.A., 1959; Univ. of S.C., LL.B., 1964; *m.* Julie E. Hamiter, 1 child; Law Clerk, Chief Judge Clement Haynsworth, U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, 1964–65; Atty., Pope & Schumpert, 1965–67; Asst. U.S. Atty., 1967–68; Gen. Counsel, S.C. DHEC, 1968–94; Dep. S.C. Atty. Gen., 1987–88; Bd. mem.: Newberry Co. Council on Aging, 2001–; Newberry Coll. Foundation, 2005–; S.C. Alzheimer's Assn., 2007–; S.E. Inst. for Women in Politics, 2007–12; S.C. Humanities Council, 2008–; S.C. Legis. Audit Council, 2008–; S.C. Bar Foundation, 2009–; Pres., Newberry Jaycees, 1967; Pres., South Caroliniana Soc., 1990–93; Chair, Central Midlands Council of Govts., 1981–82, 2001–03; Pres., S.C. Magistrates Assn., 1976–77; State Pres., S.C. Reserve Offs., 1981–82; Natl. Pres., Judge Advocates Assn., 1991–92; Editorial Adv. Bd., S.E. Environmental Law Journal, 1993–; J. B. O'Neill Inn of Court, 1996–; recipient of Outstanding Freshman Rep. Award, 1997; S.C. Reserve Off. of the Year, 1998; Outstanding Legislator Award, Gift of Life Trust Fund, 1999; Legis. Appreciation Award, S.C. Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2006; Outstanding Serv. Award, S.C. Amer. Legion, 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Human Serv. Providers Assn., 2008; 1st VC, Jud. Com., 2006–08; State House Com., 2010–; mem.: Amer. Legion; Ruritan Club; Mason; Hejaz Shriner; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church; mil. serv.: USN, 1959–61, 1963 & 1990—Capt., USN Reserve (Ret.); prev. serv. in House 1997–13.





MERRILL, James “Jim” [R]—(Dist. No. 99, *Berkeley-Charleston Cos.*)—Public Relations & Marketing Consultant, Geechee Communications; residing at 2401 Daniel Island Dr., Daniel Island; *b.* Jan. 15, 1967 in Pensacola, Fla.; *s.* James H. and Annette McGregor Merrill; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1989, M.P.A., 1992; Aug. 29, 1992 *m.* Noel Marie Gaillard, 3 children, Delaney

Marie, Haley McGregor, and Darby Lee; Press Secy. for Congressman Floyd Spence, 1989–92; Political Dir., S.C. Rep. Party, 1992–94; Dist. Admin. for Congressman Mark Sanford, 1994; Owner, Geechee Communications, 1994–; mem., Univ. of S.C. Alumni Assn.; past Pres., Sigma Chi Frat.; S.C. Policy Council; Berkeley Co. Rep. Party; Whip, Majority Caucus; Fin. Com., Majority Leader, 2004–; Univ. of S.C. Gamecock Club; Daniel Island Neighborhood Assn.; mem., Stella Maris Catholic Church; prev. serv. in House 2001–13.



MITCHELL, Harold, Jr. [D]—(Dist. No. 31, *Spartanburg Co.*)—Businessman; residing at 412 Shaw Ave., Spartanburg; *b.* June 3, 1965 in Spartanburg; *s.* Margaret Duckett Mitchell and the late Harold Mitchell; attended S.C. State Univ., 1984–85; Univ. of S.C., 1985–88; attending Dominion Bible Coll.; Aug. 13, 1988 *m.* Wanda Dawkins Mitchell, 3 children, David Benjamin, Elizabeth

Ann, and Hannah Grace; former mem.: EPA, Natl. Environmental Justice Adv. Council; BMW Comm. Adv. Council; State Competitive Initiative Task Force on Distress Com.; mem., Bd. of Govs., Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce; Chm., Spartanburg Housing Dev.; mem., Clinton Global Initiative, 2009–; Affordable Housing Coalition of S.C. Legislator of the Year, 2007; Housing Fin. Authority Housing Achievement Award, 2008; Home Builders Hammer and Trowel Award, 2009; S.C. Educ. Assn. Retired Outstanding Serv. Award, 2009; S.C. Environmental Awareness Award, DNR, 2009; mem., Dominion Comm. Church; prev. serv. in House Nov. 29, 2005–13.

MOSS, Dennis Carroll [R]—(Dist. No. 29, *Cherokee*-Chester-York Cos.)—Retired, S.C. Hwy. Patrol; residing at 306 Silver Cir., Gaffney; *b.* Jan. 13, 1954 in Union; *s.* the late James Edward and Mary Ivey Moss; *g.* Union High School, 1972; attended Spartanburg Methodist Coll.; S.C. Criminal Justice Academy; June 24, 1978 *m.* Janet Ellis, 1 child, Brandon Lindsay; *mem.*: Lions



Intl.; Sertoma Intl.; Gaffney #186 Masonic Lodge; Cherokee Shrine Club; Hejaz Shrine Temple; NRA; Cherokee Co. Econ. Dev. Bd.; United Way of Piedmont; Buford St. Methodist Church, lay member to Annual Conf.; *mem.*, Bd. of Dirs.: Cherokee Co. Habitat for Humanity; Cherokee Co. Senior Citizens Center; Sportsman Caucus; Rural Caucus; *prev. serv.* in House 2007–13.

MOSS, V. Stephen “Steve” [R]—(Dist. No. 30, *Cherokee*-York Cos.)—Retired banker; residing at 104 Rains Rd., Blacksburg; *b.* Feb. 3, 1950 in Cherokee Co.; *s.* Winfred V. and Frances M. Moss; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1972; S.C. School of Banking, 1976; School of Banking of the South, LSU, 1984; Aug. 21, 1976 *m.* Cheryl C. Carlton, 3 children, Elizabeth M., Jessica M., and Emily M.; *Pres.*, Cherokee Co. Chamber of Commerce, 1982, 1994; *Pres.*, Gaffney Rotary, 1996; *Chm.*, Cherokee Co. Recreation Dist., 1982–84; Cherokee Co. School Bd., 1990–94; Cherokee Co. Comm. Foundation Bd., 1995–04; S.C. Banker’s Assn. Bd., 2007–09; *prev. serv.* in House Apr. 28, 2009–13.



MUNNERLYN, Elizabeth R. [D]—(Dist. No. 54, Chesterfield-Darlington-*Marlboro* Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 611 E. Main St., Bennettsville; *b.* June 20, 1969 in Bennettsville; *d.* John I. III and Carolyn B. Rogers; *g.* Converse Coll., B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; Dec. 29, 1990 *m.* J. Ronald Munnerlyn, Jr., 2 children, Mary Catherine and William Ford; law clerk, Circuit Court Judge James E. Lockemy, 1993–94; Asst. Solicitor, 4th Circuit



Solicitor's off., 1994–10; Atty. with Rogers & Munnerlyn, P.A., 1996–08; sole practitioner, Elizabeth R. Munnerlyn, P.A., 2009–; mem., Junior Charity League, Marlboro Co., 1994–04, Pres., 2001–02; Bd. mem., United Way of Marlboro Co., 2000–05; Kiwanis Club of Bennettsville, 2000–, Pres., 2003–04; mem. & Sunday School teacher, First Presbyterian Church of Bennettsville, Deacon, 1995–98, 2008–11; prev. serv. in House 2011–13.



MURPHY, Christopher J. “Chris” [R]—(Dist. No. 98, *Dorchester Co.*)—Atty., Murphy Law Firm, LLC; residing at 4238 Persimmon Woods Dr., North Charleston; *b.* May 31, 1968 in Honolulu, Hawaii; *s.* the late Patrick J. and the late Barbara A. Murphy; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1990; Mississippi Coll., J.D., 1995; Aug. 6, 1994 *m.* Maité D., 2 children, Christopher A. and

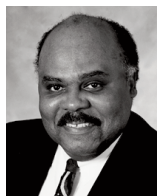
Jackson F.; founding mem., Summerville Miracle League, Summerville Rotary Club; Asst. Solicitor, First Judicial Circuit, 1996–01; Special Asst., U.S. Atty., Drug/Violent Crime Task Force, 1998–01; Dorchester Co. Council, 2002–10, Chm., 2005; mem., St. Paul's Episcopal Church; mil. serv.: SCARNG; prev. serv. in House 2011–13.



NANNEY, Wendy Kay [R]—(Dist. No. 22, *Greenville Co.*)—Mgr. Financial Operations, Postcard from Paris; residing at 124 Birnam Court, Greenville; *b.* April 16, 1965 in Greenville; *d.* Bob and Barb Taylor; *g.* Bob Jones Univ., B.S., 1987; Dec. 12, 1986 *m.* Timothy Lee Nanney, 5 children, Meredith, Taylor, Kacey, Travis, and Maggie; Chm., Greenville Co. Rep. Party, 2006–07;

Treas., Upstate Rep. Women's Club, 2003–06; Winning Women Graduate, 2006; former staff, Sen. Foreign Relations Com.; prev. serv. in House 2009–13.

NEAL, Joseph H. "Joe" [D]—(Dist. No. 70, *Richland-Sumter Cos.*)—Minister/VP, New Horizons Systems, Inc.; Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Chester; residing at 1326 Clarkson Rd., Hopkins; *b.* Aug. 31, 1950; *s.* Choatte R., Sr. and LaVerne K. Neal; *g.* Benedict Coll., B.A., 1972; post graduate studies, Colgate Divinity, Pittsburg Theological Seminary; Hon. D.D., Benedict Coll.; Chm., Citizens for Hopkins Comm. Organization; mem.: Moving Forward Comm. Group; NAACP; Kappa Alpha Psi Frat., Inc.; Amer. Soc. Software Engineers; Bd. of Dirs., past mem., S.C. Fair Share; co-founder, CLEAN—Citizens Local Environment Action Network; Bd. mem., S.C. Environmental Watch; founder and Bd. mem., Area Communities in Econ. Dev. (Comm. Dev. Corp.); Sumter Area Econ. Dev.; Bd. mem., Funds for Southern Coms.; Lower Richland Water Authority, Lower Richland Comm. Council; past mem., First Union Bank Comm. Reinvestment Act Adv. Bd.; Rural Sumter Comm. for Econ. Dev.; Chm., Citizens for Hopkins Neighborhood Assns.; Gov.'s Nuclear Waste Task Force; Co-Chm., S.C. Progressive Network; Bd. mem., AAEJAN—The African Amer. Environmental Action Network; Chm., S.C. Legis. Black Caucus, 2000–02; Dep. Dem. Leader; House Ways and Means Com.; Hon. Ph.D. of Humanities, Francis Marion Univ.; prev. serv. in House 1993–13.



NEWTON, Wm. Weston J. [R]—(Dist. No. 120, *Beaufort-Jasper Cos.*)—Atty./Partner, Jones, Simpson & Newton, P.A.; residing at 83 Myrtle Island Rd., Bluffton; *b.* Feb. 22, 1967 in Greenville; *s.* Jourdan J. Macfie and the late Howard Newton; *g.* Washington & Lee Univ., B.A., 1989; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; Apr. 25, 1998 *m.* Rose R. Buyck, 3 children, Reedy, William, and Eliza Rose; Order of Wig and Robe, Univ. of S.C. School of Law, 1993; Law Clerk, Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., Assoc. Justice, S.C. Supreme Court, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, 1993–94; Law Clerk, Hon. C. Weston Houck, Chief U.S. Dist. Judge, Dist. of S.C., 1994–96; mem., Beaufort Co.



Council, 1999–12, Chm., 2003–12; 2004, 40 Under 40 Top Young Bus. Professionals in Savannah/Hilton Head; Bd. mem., S.C. Assn. of Counties, 2005–10, 2nd VP, 2011, 1st VP, 2012; Best of Bluffton Best Atty. Award, 2007; Univ. of S.C. Bd. of Visitors, 2008–12; former Bd. mem.: Sunset Rotary Club; Volunteers in Medicine; Leadership Hilton Head/Bluffton; mem.: Beaufort Co. Bar Assn.; Hilton Head Bar Assn., Treas., 1997–98; Secy., 1998–99; Pres., 1999–01; Liberty Fellows Class of 2015; mem., Church of the Cross, 1996; prev. serv. in House 2013.



NORMAN, Ralph W. [R]—(Dist. No. 48, York Co.)—Real Estate Developer; residing at 907 Maple Hill Lane, Rock Hill; *b.* June 20, 1953 in York Co.; *s.* Warren and Mary Norman; *g.* Presbyterian Coll., B.S., 1975; Dec. 1974 *m.* Elaine Rice Norman, 4 children, Warren III, Caroline, Anne, and Mary Catherine; past Pres., Rotary Club, 1978; Bd. of Realtors, 1982; York Co. Home Builders, 1984; past Chm., Bd. S.C. Bank & Trust, 1996–99; Piedmont Hosp., 1998; Bd. of Visitors, Med. Univ. of S.C.; prev. serv. in House 2005–06; Nov. 3, 2009–13.



NORRELL, Mandy Powers [D]—(Dist. No. 44, Lancaster Co.)—Atty., residing in Lancaster; *b.* July 12 in Lancaster; *d.* Beverly B. and the late Carl R. Powers; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1995, *cum laude*; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1997, *cum laude*; Mar. 18, 1995 *m.* Mitchell A. Norrell, 2 children, Powers Thaddeus and Emma Ross Isabella; City Atty., City of Lancaster, 1999–12; Town Atty., Town of Kershaw, 2010–12; S.C. Bar; N.C. Bar; S.C. Fed. Courts; Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault, VC, 2008–; Univ. of S.C. School of Law Alumni Bd. of Dirs., 2003–12; Girl Scout Troop Leader, 2009–; mem., First Baptist Church, Lancaster; prev. serv. in House 2013.

OTT, Russell L. [D]—(Dist. No. 93, *Calhoun-Lexington-Orangeburg Cos.*)—Businessman; residing at 135 Ott Farm Trail, St. Matthews; *b.* Mar. 26; *s.* Harry L., Jr. and Linda Fleming Ott; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 2000; Univ. of S.C., M.P.A., 2003; 2 children, Lawson Legare and Bryce Jameson; former Town Admin. for towns of Elloree, North, and Neeses; S.C. Farm Bureau, 2004–13; Med., Mil., Public & Municipal Affairs Com., 2014–; mem., Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church; elected Oct. 29, 2013 to fulfill the unexpired term of Harry L. Ott, Jr., resigned.



OWENS, Phillip Drayton [R]—(Dist. No. 5, *Pickens Co.*)—Businessman; residing in Easley; *b.* 1951 in Pickens; *s.* Fred William and Lillian Parsons Owens; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1973; *m.* Lynn Catherine Southerland, 2 children, Lori Jill and Kathryn Diana; Bd. mem., Pickens Co. YMCA, 1995–05, CVO, 1997–98, 2007–08, 2011; First Union/Wachovia Bank Upstate Adv. Bd., 1998–02; Carolina First Bank Adv. Bd., 2002–07; mem.: Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce, 1993–, Chm., 1994, 2001–04; Pickens Co. Salvation Army Bd., 1995–98; Easley Econ. Dev. Corp., 1997–00; Pickens Co. Manufacturers Assn., 1996–97; YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, 2000–02; Palmetto Baptist Med. Center Foundation Bd. mem., 1999–02, 2008–09; Rotarian; Natl. Co-Chm., Leadership for Healthy Comms., 2010–11; NCPSO Policy Maker Adv. Bd., 2010; mem., NCSL Educ. Comm.; SREB, Exec. Bd.; ALEC, Educ. Com.; St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Fin. Chm., 2011; prev. serv. in House July 2, 2002–13.



PARKS, Julia Anne [D]—(Dist. No. 12, *Greenwood-McCormick Cos.*)—Mortician/Funeral Dir., Parks Funeral Home/Licensed Real Estate Agent; *b.* July 1, 1955 in Greenwood; *d.* Julia (Arnold) Parks and the late James Lloyd Parks, Jr.; *g.* Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science, 1977; Johnson C. Smith Univ., B.S., 1976; single; mem.:



Greenwood City Council, 1988–96; Stop the Violence Com.; former mem.: COOL Bd.—Comm. Outreach Organized Learning; Budget Com. for United Way, 1996; Chamber of Commerce; Delta Sigma Theta Sor.; NAACP; Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Frat.; mem.: Organization of Concerned Citizens; Morris Chapel Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 1997, 1999–13.



PATRICK, Andy [R]—(Dist. No. 123, *Beaufort* Co.)—Managing Dir., The Petrus Group; residing at 17 Timbercrest Cir., Hilton Head Island; *b.* Aug. 5, 1969 in Warsaw, N.Y.; *s.* Leon and Joy Patrick; *g.* State Univ. of New York-Brockport, B.S., 1995; 5 children, Joel, Hannah, Emma, Sasha, and Vlademir; Sgt., USAF, 1987–92; Staff Sgt., Security Specialist, N.Y. ANG, 1992–95;

Trooper, New York State Police, 1996–97; Special Agent, U.S. Secret Serv., 1997–07; mil. serv.: USAF, 1987–92; N.Y. ANG, 1992–95; prev. serv. in House 2011–13.



PITTS, Michael Allen [R]—(Dist. No. 14, *Greenwood-Laurens* Cos.)—Retired Greenville Police; *b.* in Laurens; *s.* the late Joseph C., Jr. and the late Lois Lollis Pitts; *g.* Lander Univ., B.S., 1985; June 28, 1974 *m.* Susan W. Slay, 3 children, Nolan, Clifton, and Della; VC, Laurens Co. Council; life mem.: NRA; North Amer. Hunting Club; Gun Owners of S.C.; mem.: Rocky Mountain

Elk Foundation; Natl. Wild Turkey Fed.; ALEC; past Pres., Natl. Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC); Other Funds Oversight; Lottery Oversight; Ag. Heads Salary & Benefits; Rural Infrastructure Authority; Rabun Creek Baptist Church; mil. serv.: USAR; prev. serv. in House 2003–13.